THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking, all State Governments/Union Territory administrations and Central Government Ministries/Departments etc. have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and to extend these to other public places.

Changes in army rules

705. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army rules were recently codified, making progressive changes in the administrative, financial, material and management matters of the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and improvements brought about in the new code over the old rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Amendments to Army Rules are an on-going process and appropriate amendments have been carried out, from time to time, since these were framed in 1954. The 'Regulations for the Army', earlier issued in 1962, have recently been revised and updated covering subjects relating to the day-to-day functioning of the Army. The new compilation is in diglot from, i.e. both in Hindi and English in conformity with Government Policy.

Programmes for tribals in 8th Five Year Plan

706. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft of the Eighth Five Year Plan incorporates a comprehensive programme for the upliftment of tribals, protection of their interests and preservation of their distinct culture and traditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated. However, in accordance with the constitutional provisions and declared policy of the Governmet, programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes will continue in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Sub-standard food items being sold by fast food vans in Delhi

707. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th March, 1989 to the effect that 50 per cent of fast food vans operating in Delhi do not have proper licences and are selling sub-standard food items;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these fast foods are in reality Junk Foods which have little Nutritional value;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to put a ban on advertisement of such fast foods on TV/Radio so that unsuspecting consumers, especially children, are not lured by the misleading propaganda; and

(d) whether Government also propose to investigate into the malpractices regarding quality of food served by these vendors and ensure proper hygiene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI

SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), (b) and (d) No such news item appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi edition dated 14th March, 1989. However, as per the information obtained from the Delhi Administration 122 mobile catering vans are operating in Delhi. Out of these, 105 are licensed, 11 are unlicensed & 6 are plying on strength of stay orders granted by the courts. Samples were lifted by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, during the year 1988 from such vans, one of which was found adulterated. Prosecution has been launched against the vendor. The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration propose to take random samples of food items sold by mobile catering vans.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Involvement of Health and Public Interest groups in Immunisation Programmes

708. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that immunisation programme, specially on Polio continues to be degged by a cold war between various Experts and bureaucrats as reported in the Times of India dated the 25th March, 1989;

(b) whether immunisation programme is the sole responsibility of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with imputs from the Departments like that of Bio-Technology, Technology Mission etc. if so, the reasons for lack of clear policies and programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is absence of monitoring, surveillance, evaluation and overseeing of various immunisation programmes leading to failure;

(d) in what manner Government propose to achieve Health for All by 2000 A.D. in the absence of successful operation of Key immunisation programmes; and

(e) whether Government would involve health and public interest groups in the monitoring, surveillance, evaluation and overseeing of immunisation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) So far implementation of the Universal Immunisation Programme which has been declared National Mission of Immunisation is the sole responsibililty of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Department of Bio-Technology is only involved in the production of vaccines.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) So far as Universal Immunisation Programme is concerned, the whole of the country will be covered by 1990.

(e) Yes, Sir.

MOU by ASSOCHAM for CSIR-Industry Collaboration

709. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM and CSIR have finalised a Memorandum of Understanding, providing the mechanism for CSIR-industry co-ordination on quality assurance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent CSIR has agreed to collaborate with the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND